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Local Self-Government

Mention in Administration Reports of works of public utility carried out by public-spirited men.

* 617 *Q.*—Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it was the practice in the pre-reform days for the District Collectors to make mention in the Annual Administration reports of the district boards and municipalities of a list of works of public utility carried out by public-spirited persons in each district or municipality; and

(*b*) whether that practice is being continued; and if not, why not?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) In pre-reform days presidents of district boards were making mention of works of the kind referred to in their administration reports. No such practice was observed by chairmen of municipal councils, who submitted administration reports of municipal councils. Administration reports now received do not always contain such information.

Public Service

Raising the age-limit of the members of the Depressed Classes for entry into public service.

* 618 *Q.*—Mr. P. V. RAJAGOPALA PILLAI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to State—

(*a*) whether the proceedings of the Madras Provincial Depressed Classes Federation, dated 29th July 1931, requesting Government to raise the age-limit of the depressed classes from 25 to 30 years for entry into Government service has been received by Government;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, what action has been taken thereon;

(*c*) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the proceedings of the Bombay Legislative Council of 3rd October 1931 increasing the age-limit to 30 years;

(*d*) if the reply to (*c*) is in the affirmative, whether the Madras Government have considered the possibility of granting a similar concession in this Presidency?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) —

(*c*) The Government have seen a newspaper report of the proceedings.

(*d*) The question is under consideration.